



**Bridges Preparatory Board of Directors**  
**Minutes of the Monthly Board meeting on November 12, 2018**  
**Held at Bridges Preparatory Main campus, 1100 Boundary Street, Beaufort SC 29902**

Upon determining the presence of a quorum, Chairman Matthews called the meeting to order at 5:31pm .

**Board Member Attendance**

	Name	Office	Present	Absent	Arrived Late	Departed Early
1	Dee Matthews	Board Chairman	X			
2	Marty Miley	Vice Chairman	X			
3	James Corbin	Treasurer	X			
4	Peggy Feuerbacher	Secretary		X		
5	Calvin White	Director at Large	X			
6	David Gault	Director at Large	X			
7	Kelly McCombs	Director at Large		X		
8	Brooke Pacheco	Director at Large	X			
9	Tom Angelo	Director at Large	X			

**Staff Members in Attendance:**

Tim Drury, Joan Drury, Jessi Mullen, Caroline Lovell, John Kabel, Sherri Herbst, Chris Wilson, Erin Ruth

**Others in Attendance:**

John Williams, Publicist

**I. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

(\*Conducted in executive session in accordance with South Carolina Code of Laws, Title 30, Chapter 4, Section 30-4-70 (a)(1), for the "discussion of employment, appointment, compensation, promotion, demotion, discipline, or release of... employee[s]" and (2) Discussion of negotiations incident to proposed contractual arrangements and proposed sale or purchase of property. . . .)

**MOTION** made by Vice Chair Miley to enter Executive Session at 5:31pm, seconded by Director Pacheco, motion passed without dissent.

**MOTION** made by Director Angelo to emerge from Executive Session, seconded by Director Pacheco, motion passed without dissent. Public Meeting re-convened at 6:48pm.

**II. MISSION STATEMENT**

The Bridges Preparatory Mission Statement was recited aloud by Director Matthews

**III. PUBLIC MEETING**

**a. STAFF RECOGNITIONS**

Chairperson Matthews recognized Caroline Lovell for writing a successful Distance Learning grant. Chairperson Matthews and Secretary Feuerbacher attended a USDA Presentation on the grant and brought the information back to Caroline. The grant is valued at \$187,000 and is in partnership with



Royal Live Oaks. It contains a 15% cash matching clause which will be voted on during the business section of this meeting.

**b. STATEMENT OF COMPLIANCE WITH FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT**

Chairperson Matthews stated that the media was notified of the meeting, including the listing on BPS website. It was done within the 48-hour requirement.

**c. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

**MOTION** made by Director Pacheco to approve the agenda, seconded by Treasurer Corbin, motion passed without dissent.

**IV. Actions resulting from Executive Session**

**a. VOTES**

- i. **MOTION** made by Treasurer Corbin to accept the bid from Hood Construction of a permanent BPS Middle/High School, seconded by Director Angelo. During discussion, Director Gault clarified that they were indeed the lowest bidder. Motion passed without dissent.
- ii. **MOTION** made by Treasurer Corbin to approve the receipt of the Distant Learning Grant along with the 15% cash matching requirement for funds received with Royal Live Oaks contributing 15% cash for any funds they receive, seconded by Vice Chair Miley. Motion passed without dissent.
- iii. **MOTION** made by Treasurer Corbin to allow negotiating committee consisting of Chairperson Matthews, Director Gault, Director White and John Williams to negotiate with Candidate A to fill the permanent Bridges Preparatory School Head of School position, seconded by Vice Chair Miley. Motion passed without dissent.
- iv. **MOTION** made by Director Gault to amend the Charter to change the Board election process and meeting schedule as outlined in Section 4.3 (d) and Section 4.4 of the Bridges Preparatory Charter (Full Text of Current and Proposed in Appendix A to the minutes), seconded by Vice Chair Miley. Motion passed with a count of 4-3. Voting for were Director Gault, Director White, Vice Chair Miley, and Director Feuerbacher via phone call. Voting against were Treasurer Corbin, Director Angelo, and Director Pacheco.

**b. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None

**c. ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION** made by Vice Chairperson Miley to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Director Pacheco, motion passed without dissent. Meeting adjourned at 7:05pm.

Approved by the Board: 11/27/18

Board Secretary or Board Chairperson Signature: Matthews

Margaret B Feuerbach 11/27/2018





## Appendix A – Text of Current/Proposed Charter Changes

### Current Text

#### Section 4.3

d) Voting: Parents or guardians of a student shall have one vote for each student enrolled in the School; the parents or guardian must decide among themselves who will cast that vote. Each employee of the School is given one vote per person. If an employee has a child/children at the School, he/she will not get a separate vote for being an employee and his/her vote will be based on the number of children enrolled. Members of the Board will be elected by a plurality of the votes cast. Eligible voters will vote on all seats of the Board that are up for election. The Board election will be held in October of each year. Newly elected Board Member's terms shall begin at the next scheduled Board Meeting in November and, as noted previously, shall run for two (2) years. Newly elected Board Members shall attend orientation training in accordance with the SCCS Act.

Section 4.4 Annual and Regular Meetings. The first meeting of the Board shall be held in November of each year. The Board shall also meet regularly with a quorum present at least eleven times each year. An annual schedule of regular meetings shall be adopted, published and posted in accordance with Section 4.6, below, in November of each year. Meetings of the Board shall be general meetings and open for the transaction of any business within the powers of the Board without special notice of such business except in any case where special notice is required by law or by the Bylaws.

### Proposed

Section 4.4 of the Bylaws shall be amended so that November shall be replaced by December in both occurrences, and Section 4.3 subsection d) be modified to allow for one meeting for the tallying of the votes prior to the seating of the Board the following meeting.

The new Section 4.3 subsection d) and Section 4.4 so of the Bylaws shall read as follows (**changes/additions in bold red font**):

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